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SOUTH DAKOTA SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION UP FROM 2002

SIoux FALLS, September 30, 2003 – South Dakota's 2003 wheat production is up 175 percent from 2002's drought reduced production levels, due to more harvested acreage and higher yields. Spring wheat, oats and rye enjoyed record setting yields. This is according to year end estimates compiled and released by USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service.

All wheat production, at 116.24 million bushels in 2003, is up 175 percent from last year. The all wheat yield is 42.3 bushels, up 16.4 bushels from last year. Harvested acres, at 2.75 million, are up 69 percent from 2002. Planted acres, at 3.03 million, are down slightly from a year earlier.

Winter wheat production this year, at 59.34 million bushels, is up 227 percent from last year's drought impacted production and is the third largest production in the state's history. Yield, at 43 bushels per acre, is 14 bushels above last year and is the second highest yield in the state's history. Harvested acres, at 1.38 million, are 121 percent above the drastically reduced 2002 level. Planted acres, at 1.6 million, are 23 percent above a year ago.

Durum wheat production, at 621,000 bushels, is 465 percent above last year's drought impacted production. Yield, at 23 bushels per acre, is up 1 bushel from last year. Planted acres totaled 28,000 this year, with 27,000 acres harvested.

Other spring wheat production, at 56.28 million bushels, is up 135 percent from last year's production. Yield, at 42 bushels per acre, is up 18 bushels from last year and sets a new state record by 3 bushels. Producers harvested 1.34 million acres, up 34 percent from 2002. Planted acres, at 1.40 million, are down 18 percent from last year.

Oat production in 2003, at 15.64 million bushels, is 248 percent above last year's drought affected production. Yield, at 68 bushels, is 23 bushels above last year and sets a new state record by 1 bushel. Harvested acres, at 230,000, are up 130 percent from 2002. Planted acres, at 420,000, are down 7 percent from last year.

Barley production totaled 2.92 million bushels, 58 percent above last year. The 53 bushel per acre yield is 12 bushels above last year. Acreage resumed its decline of recent years with 75,000 planted and 55,000 acres harvested.

Rye production, at 672,000 bushels, is up 149 percent from last year's production of 270,000 bushels. Yield, at 48 bushels per acre, is 21 bushels above last year and sets a new state record by 4 bushels. Planted acres totaled 20,000, while 14,000 acres were harvested.

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